



How to choose and prepare delegates for CBWC Assembly

The purpose of assembly

The purpose of assembly is two-fold: To foster deeper and meaningful connection with other affiliated churches and people of the CBWC, and to do the business of the CBWC. Decisions on policy, new church affiliation, board member elections, budgets, etc, are made at assemblies made up of delegates from our churches. The CBWC Volunteer Board of elected representatives brings to these meetings the motions to be discussed and voted on. The decisions made at Assembly then guide the staff and board in the implementation.

Normally these meetings take place every year, one year online and the next in person. Locations vary, with most being in the Calgary/Banff area so they are centrally located.

Qualities of a good delegate

Each church is allowed a number of delegates - how you choose these delegates is important!

- Someone who will put your churches priorities over their own priorities and opinions.
- Someone who knows your church well - perhaps a current or former deacon, pastor or associate pastor, other leader in your congregation.
- Someone who is spiritually mature, discerning, flexible, and has a good understanding of your church's policies and practices.

How to prepare your delegate

- Discuss with them the motions that are being brought forward to Assembly as well as any current issues you are aware of in the denomination.
- Explain what will happen at assembly (privilege to experience great worship, good speakers, fellowship around the meal tables with people from the four provinces, Yukon and NWT, business meeting, voting.)
- Give the delegates freedom to vote with their conscience as the Lord leads, taking into account what they know about your church.